THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Keeping in view the increasing responsibilities and the new technological opportunities that are available, there is considerable scope for improvement in the performance of the Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) Yes, please.

(c) to (e) The creation of a separate Central Archaeological Service is expected to bring in more professionalism in the management of archaeological monuments and optimal utilization of the resources of the Archaeological Survey of India in integrating cultural assets.

Antiques/articles stolen from National Museum, Delhi

250. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of antiques/articles of historical importance stolen from the National Museum, Delhi, during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) how many, out of them, have since been recovered?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) On 28.06.2003, a Pistol has been found missing from the Maritime Heritage Gallery in the National Museum, New Delhi. This Gallery is under the charge of the Indian Navy. The matter has been reported to the Delhi Police for investigation. No other case has been reported during the last three years.

Revenue from Duty Free Shops

251. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of amount of funds generated from sale at duty free shops at all international airports throughout the country during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been an increase or decrease in sale from duty free shops in the last three years; and

(c) the details of amount of funds generated from sales on international flights?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Year-wise details of sales of all ITDC managed Duty Free Shops alongwith variance over previous year are given hereunder:-

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Sale	Increase/Decrease
2000-01	83.38	(+) 1.32
2001-02	70.81	(-) 12.57
2002-03 (Prov.)	92.85	(+) 22.04

(c) Duty Free Shops do not sell on board international flights. These sales are made by international carriers.

Tourist attractions in Delhi

252. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi offers a rich and multifaceted cultural heritage through its monuments which have become major tourist attractions;

(b) if so, whether there is a need to add more tourist attractions;and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Tourism, Government of India, has formulated schemes for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development and Assistance of Large Revenue Generating Projects for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.